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SUBJ: OPEC CONFERENCE-SUMMARY RECORD

1. ALGERIANS RAN OPEC CONFERENCE WITH THEIR USUAL

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COMPLETE ORGANIZATION THAT LEAVES EVERYBODY ELSE,

SOMETIMES INCLUDING PARTICIPANTS, IN DARK. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, SOMEONE ERRED, AND WHEN DISTRIBUTING PUBLIC ADDRESS OF BOUTEFLIKA, CONFERENCE STAFF ALSO DISTRIBUTED LENGTHY RESTRICTED SUMMARY RECORD OF JANUARY 24 OPEC SESSION. ALGERIANS TRIED TO ROUND UP COPIES, BUT PAPER WAS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED IN HANDS OF PRESS. PRIMARILY, THE SUMMARY RECORD SETS FORTH THE PROPOSALS OF ALGERIAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY ABDESSELAM'S ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE. COMPLETE TEXT OF SUMMARY BEING SENT SEPARATELY.

2. ABDESSELAM'S SPEECH IS IMPORTANT. FIRST, IT IS A SUCCINCT STATEMENT OF CURRENT ALGERIAN ECONOMIC THINKING AND SHOULD BE STUDIED BEFORE ANY SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH ALGERIANS ON ENERGY MATTERS. SECOND, OPEC CONFERENCE DID NOT PROGRESS VERY FAR ON SUBSTANCE, IF AT ALL. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ABDESSELAM'S SPEECH WAS LEFT AS BASIC PAPER FROM WHICH EXPERTS AND MINISTERS ARE TO WORK IN PREPARING OPEC SUMMIT.

3. POINTS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST INTEREST IN ABDESSLAM'S REMARKS INCLUDE (PARA REFERENCES ARE TO PARAGRAPHS IN TEXT BEING SENT SEPARATELY):

(A) PROPOSAL THAT OPEC INSIST ON INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS ENERGY IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE (PARA 8);

(B) DISCUSSION OF CONTEXT OF FIXING OIL PRICES (PARA 9) ANC CONCRETE PROPOSALS (PARA 10);

(C) DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM OF FOOD, NITROGEN PRICE INCREASE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FERTILIZER UNITS (PARAS 13 AND 14);

(D) LENGTHY LIST OF OBLIGATIONS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PARA 15);

(E) OMISSION OF U.S. FROM RECYCLING PROPOSAL FOR OPEC CASH BALANCES (PARA 11).

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(F) CRITICISM OF U.S., OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY AND OF PROPOSED DOLS 25 BILLION CONTINGENCY FUND, INCLUDING REMARK THAT OPEC COUNTRIES MUST DEFUSE THAT "POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION" (PARAS 7 AND 12). PARKER

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